

to remove at the end of the first four, comes nearly to the principle as corrected by experience. And it is in adherent to that that I am determined to withdraw at the end of a second term. The danger is that the indulgence and attachments of the people will keep a man in the chair after he becomes a dotard, that re-election through life shall become habitual, and election for life follow that. General Washington set the example of voluntary retirement after eight years, shall follow it, and a few more precedents will oppose the obstacle of habit to anyone after a while who shall endeavor to extend his term. Perhaps it may beget a disposition to establish it by an amendment of the Constitution. I believe I am doing right, therefore, in pursuing my principle. I have determined to declare my intention, but I have consented to be silent on the opinion of friends, who think it best not to put continuance out of my power in defiance of all circumstance. There is, however, but one circumstance which could engage my acquiescence in another election, to wit, such a division about a successor as might bring in a Monarchist. But this circumstance is impossible. While, therefore, I shall make no formal declarations to the public of my purpose, I have freely let it be understood in private conversation. In this I am persuaded yourself and my friends generally will approve of my views; and should I at the end of a second term carry into retirement all the favor which the first has acquired, I shall feel the consolation of having done all the good in my power, and expect with more than composure the termination of a life no longer valuable to others or of importance to myself. (1 John Taylor, 1805. F. VIII., 339.)

PRESIDENTIAL TOURS.—I confess that I am not reconciled the idea of a chief magistrate parading himself through tl several States, as an object of public gaze, and in quest of <. applause which, to be valuable, should be purely voluntar I had rather acquire silent good will by a faithful discharge my duties, than owe expressions of it to my putting myself the way of receiving- them. Were I to make such a tour 1 Portsmouth or Portland, I must do it to Savannah, perhaj